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REQUEST OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO CONDUCT ORAL CROSS-EXAMINATION OF FLORIDA GIFT FRUIT SHIPPERS ASSOCIATION WITNESS MEREWITZ (FGFSA-T-1)

Pursuant to Rule 4.B of the Special Rules of Practice, the United States Postal Service requests permission to conduct oral cross-examination of the Florida Gift Fruit Shippers Association witness Merewitz (FGFSA-T-1) concerning his testimony and his responses to designated interrogatories and library references FGFSA-H-1, 2 and 3.

The Postal Service requests that the witness bring copies of his testimony and interrogatory responses to the hearing. In addition, cross-examination may pertain to information that the witness has drawn from the Postal Service's filing. The Postal

Service accordingly requests that witness Merewitz bring copies of USPS-LR-H-111, and the 1991 and 1996 billing determinants that he used to the hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

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